

Topanga Canyon Emergency Management Planning

Work Group Meeting Notes June 21, 6006

In Attendance:

Small Animal/Pet	Recovery	Prevention	Hard-to-Reach
Abigail Bok	Mark Carney	Bill Buerge	Ray Abramian
Susan Clark	Gary Gram	Ron Durbin	Michele Acker
Andrea Makshanoff	Danny Knittle	James Grasso	Tauni Brustin
Julie Rosa	Mark Sanchez	Rick Pfeiffer	Lynne Haigh
Vic Richards	Billy Stern	Doug Thomas	Michelle Johnson
Stacy Sledge	Louise Thomas		Anthony Leonard
Others			
Maria Grycan			
Peggy Edwards			
Susan Nissman			
Dorothea Park			
Cynthia Scott			
Neil Shaw			

Small Animal/Pet Evacuation Committee

An Action Plan has already been created, therefore development, distribution, and marketing of Pet Safety information and evacuation plans needs to be accomplished.

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME
<p>Write a small article for The Messenger, "A Call to Pet Lovers," asking residents to participate with pets in mind. Give a list of pet supplies, and an idea of what they can expect (the "why" for the supplies).</p> <p>Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. become familiar with CSA/NSA. Why not stay at home? b. pet owners assesses their emergency plan c. practice gathering of supplies and pets d. assess the adequacy of CSAs and NSAs for your pet and your supplies e. is going to the CSA/NSA the best option? f. get FD parameters for pets in drill, i.e. stuffed animals? g. create post-drill evaluation to be handed out by CERT/Arson Watch at CSA/NSA sites to people with pets h. find one or two photos of lost, stranded pets. <p>Andrea to check with her friend, Molly, the webmaster at Best</p>	<p>July 3 Messenger deadline</p>

Friends. See Katrina/Rita.	
2. Develop Post Drill evaluation. Make copies and get to CERT & AW teams.	July 10
Bring new Communications members up to speed by materials developed so far. Perform a last gleaning of materials earlier gathered, including Orange County/Dr. Boge book and SCART handbook, for insertion into 3 or 4 fold brochure. (4-fold ok as insert with water bills, per Mark Carney) using Humane Society 4-fold as outline. Use bullets/checklist approach.	July 19
Brainstorming of brochure, then editing, at meeting. Get design input. Ask Susan Clark to be there. Perhaps Bill Buerge can sit in at end of meeting. Evaluate drill evaluations.	July 19
5. Plan on submitting to County at/by August meeting.	
6. While waiting for County response on brochure, expand points covered in brochure into an article for the Messenger by September. a. focus on personal responsibility b. testimonials c. announce brochure, with its comprehensive lists, as planning and reminder tool d. pets=children, a vulnerable population. Would you keep your toddler with you as you water your roof with flames approaching e. introduce LACACC as option f. have LACDACC statement and disaster policies clarified. get quote. g. include feedback from July 15 drill if possible.	
Disperse: 1.to schools and TES via lesson plans for kids. Susan Clark has a format in place. 2. Water bills 3. PSAs 4. Chamber of Commerce 5. Vet offices 6. Next Disaster Fair: add pet component 7. Adoption/pet fairs	

Recovery Committee

Recovery Issues

	Public Agencies	Private/Residents	Both
Immediate	Fire & Sheriff search & rescue		Restoration of utilities
	Clearance of roads		Red Cross for food & shelter
	Restricted access to area		Reuniting people & pets
			Collection & distribution of goods & services for short term needs
Short Term	Timely information to residents about economic recovery options	People back to residences & work	Psychological impact on people
			Temporary housing
	Public forums to communicate recovery information		Rebuilding infrastructure
	Flooding & debris flows		Loose animals & wild animals
		Communication capability (cell phone)	
Long Term	Permit timeframes		

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME
Explore developing a lead agency model for recovery phase for infrastructure issues similar to the DPSS model for social services.	July
Interview La Plata County Co emergency management about their recovery in the aftermath of the Missionary Ridge fire	Billy Stern July
Review the video of the recovery efforts after the Oakland fire	Maria Grycan July
Recruit additional committee members - DPW Building & Safety (Mark Carney & Cynthia Scott)	July

- DPW Emergency Operations (Mark Carney & Cynthia Scott) - OEM Recovery specialist (Dorothea Park)	
Identify contact people for utilities (Mark Carney)	
Coordinate with Small Animal/Pet Evacuation Committee and LACACC	
Communicate results of our work to T-CEP Hot Line	

Prevention Methods Committee

- Maintain Defensible Space
 - Brochures
 - Inspections
 - Door Hanger Flyers to Meet Requirements
 - Improve Properties
 - Pink Notice for Infractions
 - 30 Days to make Correction
- Pre-Planning & Preparedness (Physical Home Plan)
 - During Fire Season what to do if unable to evacuate
 - “Homeowners guide to fire and watershed safety”
 - Current FD Info
 - Pull from Brochure
- Vegetation Management(410-T)
 - Evacuate Groves
 - Manage your own space
 - Plot Plan
 - Working with your neighbors network
- Develop program To
 - Present & Speak With
 - Neighborhood Networks
 - Co-groups
 - Homeowners Associations
 - Individuals

SUMMARY

- Collect and distill all existing info regarding
 - Preparedness
 - Vegetation Management
 - Watershed Management plans/FD fund instructions
- Produce a user friendly guide (Mapping/Inventory)
 - Web
 - Hardcopy
 - Includes 410-T option
- Workshops and Programs
 - Neighborhood Outreach

- Clearance Vendors
 - Protection Products
- Fair Plan Requirements
 - Sur-charge
 - Options